

APPROVED MINUTES
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
January 16, 2014
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member Asst. Dir, RIDEM, Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Daniel Coster, RIDEM, Div. of Coastal Resources Joanne Scorpio, Secretary RIPC Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping Capt. Rick Comeau, MSI Hank Nelson, Goff and Page Shipping Even Matthews, EDC, Quonset Pt. Development Leonard Ariagno, Mass. Pilot Commission, Dst. 4

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners then reviewed the December, 2013 minutes. Member Capt. Fritz moved to approve the minutes; Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. The December minutes were approved by assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1) **Regulation Review** – The Commissioners continued reviewing the RI State Pilotage Commission rules and Regulations. Atty. Powers submitted copies of his draft revisions to the members. The Commissioners approved the following changes:

Rule 1, 1.01 Definitions (Pg. 3)

Rule 2. Organization and Method of Operations (Pg. 4)

Rule 3. Practice Before the Commission (Pg. 5)

Rule 4. Preliminary Investigations (Pg. 5)

Further changes were made during the meeting:

Rule 5, Formal Adjudiciary Proceedings; (Page 13); Part 18.00 Consent Order or Withdrawal will be changed to Rule No. 5.19.

Rule 14.01 Certificate of Compliance – Atty. Powers will change “any licensed pilot” to “Rhode Island State Licensed Pilot”.

Rule 14.03 Inspection and Certification of Pilot Boats, Section E. Atty. Powers will modify this rule to reference UPV Guidebook.

Rule 15.06 Duty of Master of Vessel – Safety of Pilot: Damages – Penalty: Ship Mail: Return of Letters by Pilot Non – Liability – Modifications were made to Part A. Part B was removed.

Rule 15.09 Pilot Board, Finding of a Pilot’s Services, Assisting in Docking or Unlocking and Leaving a Vessel Underway, Disembarking – Modifications were made to Parts A and C.

Atty. Powers will update the revisions and have the draft ready for the February Meeting.

2) **Fatigue Update** – Capt. Comeau who is assisting the Commission address fatigue risk said he looked at regulations from other pilot associations (UK, Australia) that were similar to RI with the type of ships that are piloted. He found that some organizations had a six-hour notice in place giving the pilot more rest time, and in some instances, it was left to the pilot's discretion when to sail.

The Members and others in attendance continued discussing the impacts of fatigue and the possibility of extending the number of hours for RI state pilots from 4 hours to 6 hours. Capt. Comeau also said another option to help reduce fatigue would be to increase a fine which he did not support.

3) **State Pilot Board Report** – Chair McVay stated that there were no new pilot apprentices on the roster. Apprentice Pilot Capt. Sanford should be ready next month to come before the Commission for certification to apprentice Block Island Sound.

4) **Pilot Roster Review** – Chair McVay updated the members on Capt. Lemke's medical status. To date he is still waiting for medical clearance from his doctors.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1) **Communications Received** – Capt. Comeau sent a letter to Chair McVay on his findings exploring Pilot Fatigue and what other organizations are doing to ensure more rest time.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The RI Pilot Commission plans to hold the next regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI on Thursday, February 13, 2014 starting at 9:30am.

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